

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An elastic nonwoven fabric made of a nonwoven fabric manufactured by the a spunbonding method, wherein a ~~lot~~ multiplicity of holes are formed in said nonwoven fabric by the a needle punching method, and synthetic resin is impregnated into said nonwoven fabric.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An elastic nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said synthetic resin is comprises a thermoplastic resin.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An interior material ~~consisting of said~~ for an automotive vehicle, said material comprising a nonwoven fabric in accordance with ~~Claim 1 or 3~~ Claim 1, as a surface layer material, and a base material ~~to whose~~ having a surface to which said elastic nonwoven fabric is attached as a surface layer, then being molded into a prescribed shape.

Claim 5 (new): An interior material for an automotive vehicle, said material comprising a nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 2, as a surface layer material, and a base material having a surface to which said elastic nonwoven fabric is attached as a surface layer, then being molded into a prescribed shape.

Claim 6 (new): An interior material for an automotive vehicle, said material comprising a nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 3, as a surface layer material, and a base material having a

surface to which said elastic nonwoven fabric is attached as a surface layer, then being molded into a prescribed shape.

Claim 7 (new): An elastic nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said holes range in number between substantially $10/\text{cm}^2$ and $100/\text{cm}^2$.

Claim 8 (new): An elastic nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 1 having a weight within the range of substantially 30 g/m^2 to 60 g/m^2 .

Claim 9 (new): an elastic nonwoven fabric in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said holes has a diameter within the range of 0.1 mm to 2.4 mm.